

The City of Austin encourages people to get out of their cars and choose sustainable options such as transit, biking and walking. This helpful guide provides some tips for walking in the City of Austin.



Pedestrians are people who travel by foot, wheelchair, baby stroller or similar means. Pedestrians are also the most vulnerable of all roadway users.



## Walk Smart



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Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons are used to assist pedestrians crossing the street.

## Your guide to becoming a safe and informed pedestrian



### Look, then go.

Watch for oncoming or turning vehicles, before crossing.



### Don't start walking.

Finish crossing if in the crosswalk.



### Stop.

Do not leave the curb. You usually wait less than 60 seconds for a new walk signal.



### Countdown signals.

Flashing red hand means don't start walking. The countdown tells you how long you have left to finish crossing if you started with a walk symbol.

## Safety Tips

### Make yourself Visible

Wear bright colors or contrasting clothes

### Eliminate Distractions

Put away your cell phone, electronic devices and ear buds.

### Be Alert

Alcohol and other drugs impair judgements; be extra cautious if you've been drinking.

### Connect

Make eye contact with drivers on streets without sidewalks. Walk facing traffic. Step off the road when cars are approaching.



## Your guide to becoming a safe and informed driver

- Always stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- When stopping at an intersection, do not block the crosswalk.
- Pedestrians move at different speeds.
  - Be alert for children who may suddenly dart into the street.
  - Be patient with older adults and people with disabilities who take extra time to cross the street.